(c) whether the document represents a counter approach to the document adopted by the NDC and undermines the basic tenet of planning of assuring the 'Right to work' *to* all citizens, announced by Present Government as one of the goals; and

(d) what is the position and status of this document with respect to act- -ual planning and implementation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE. IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN); (a) to (d) A Discussion Paper entitled "Towards a restr- ucturing of industrial, trade and fiscal policies" was recently examined by a group of Secretaries. The paper contains a number of suggestions for faster development of the economy and accelerated industrial growth etc.

The Paper is neither a supplement nor a parallel strategy to the over all Approach Document to the Eighth Plan.

Reducing the scope of National Liter, acy Mission

83. SHRI S. VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI; Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to reduce the scope of the National Literacy Mission;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

Cc) whether this reduction is likely to affect the target of imparting functional literacy to 80 million illiterates in the 18—35 age group by 1995:

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA); (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Concentration of Pakistan's army in Gurdaspur/Poonch Sectors

84. SHRI S. VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI; Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a heavy concentration of the Pakistan Army towards the north of the area of Kurdaspur Sector adjoining the Poonch Sector in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Pakistan's F-16 fighter planes have been moved to the Narowa Air Force base; and

(c) whether Government have taken counter measures to deal with any eventuality?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA: (a) Pak Army's Sialkot-Shakargarh Sector lies opposite India's Gurdaspur Sector. Government have inforamtion that Pak Army formations responsible for this Sector are located in these areas and have not returned to their permanent locations so far. The area of Haji-pir—Rswala Kot of POK lies opposite our Poonch Sector. The Pak formations responsible for this Sector are also kuspm to be inamning their battle positions.

(b) Pakistan has no airforce base named "Narowa".

(c) Government closely monitor all developments which have a bearing on our security and take timely and effective steps as required to ensure full defence preparedness.

[Transcferred to the 22nd August, 1990]

Opening- $_0$f new Central Schools in 1990-91

86. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAI SAHU; Will the PRIME MINISTEI be pleased to state;

('a) what is the number of Centra! School$_s$ which are to be opened if. 1990-91 in different States;

(b) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for opening new Central School in Orissa; and

-(c) if so, what are the places approved of in the year 1990-91? '

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT "(SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA); (a) to'(c) New Kendriya Vidyalayas are opened every year subject to availability of resources and suitablHy of the proposals received. Decision regarding the number and location' of Kendriya Vidyalayas to be opened i$_n$ the coun, try including Orissa during 1990-94 has not yet been taken.

Achievements of voluntary organisation in the development of forests

87. SHRI SURENDRA : SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to refer to answer to Starred Question 193 given in the Rajya Sabha on 15th May, 1990 and state:

(a) what are the Government's guidelines regarding involvement' of voluntary organisations in Social Forestry Programme; and

(b) what have been the achievements of the voluntary agencies so far in development and maintenance of forests during the last three yearsf

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRON' MENT AND FORESTS. (SHRl NILAA MANI ROUTRAY): (a) The poKcy of 403 RS.—7 the Government is to create a. massive people's movement to protect and develop the forests resources of the country. This includes the involvement of voluntary organisations in the Social Forestry Programme. Under the Grant-in-aid Scheme, voluntary organisations are provided financial assistance to undertake projects for afforestation and wastelands development with the cooperation of-' the local people.

(b) Voluntary agencies have through their work raised the con sciousness and awareness of the people about the importance of con serving the natural resources. The people have correspondingly been motivated to develop and maintain the forest areas. During the last three years, an amount of Rs. 1136.22 lakhs has also been released to various voluntary organisations under the Grant-in-aid Scheme to take up local projects.

Resource constraints for the 8th Five Year Plan

88. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR. Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state: ; .....

(a) whether it is a fact that there are resource constraints in the formu-i lation of Eighth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) if reply to (a) be in negative, what are the proposed/likely re-i sources for Eighth Plan as being en» visaged by Government;

, (d) whether Government have taken into consideration the loan waiver scheme for weavers, Artisans and farmers while locating resources for Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(e) if so,.what would be the likely impact of this scheme on the future of Eighth Plan under formulation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN): (a) to (c) The estimates of financial resources for the Eighth Plan are yet to be finalised.

(d> and (e> The estimate of re sources for the plan will take over all note of the likely revenues and anticipated expenditure under various heads. ...- .....

Research of space power generation

89. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Space Power Generation Research has been conducted by an Engineer of the Nuclear Power Corporation of India to extract power from vacuum created for this purpose;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

(e) what encouragement has been given to the said engineer for future research;

(d) whether Government have 6tayted any specialised research projects on space power generation in the country;

(e) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(i) what is the manner in which Government propose to develop Space Power Generation research in India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (PROF. M. G. K. MENON): (a) to (c) Shri P. Tiwari, Chief Project Engineer of Nuelear Power Corporation of India Limited claims that energy can be generated from vacuum. Based on this he has developed a machine which he calls a Space Power Generator which Operates in the region of 10-15 KWS.

((J) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

(f) The Department of Space (DOS) has been keeping abreast with the developments made internationally for generation of power from Space. However, even internationally, in view of complex technologies involv ed and their associated uncertainties, no major plan of development has been taken up.

Teaching of Space Science and Technology in Universities

90. SPRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(aJ whether it is a fact that Space Science and Technology is not being taught at Degree level or post graduate level in the Indian Universities;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(e) whether Government could Consider to introduce a course at Degree level on Space Science and Technology in all Indian Universities;

(d) if so, what would be the scheduled programme of such a new course of study; and

(e) if answer to part (a) be in negative, what are the details of the Institutions / Universities teaching Space Science and Technology in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) to (e) According to information furnished by University Grants Commission, space science is a multi-disciplinary subject which includes studies on Physics, Mathematics, Atmospheric Science, Rocketry, Astronomy, Astrophysics, etc BM& Institute of Technology and Scieneoi Pilani offers M.E. program-rnea in Space Engineering, Ri)cketry-

ani* Rocket propulsion and Punjabi University, Patiala offers M.Sc, programme in Astronomy and Space Science. Andhra University provides a post-M.Sc. diploma course in Space Science and Technology. The Commission also provides support to eight universities for M.Sc, programmes in Atmospheric Sciences.

The courses/programmes to"be offered by Universities are decided by the universities themselves. However, UGC is of the view that since science and technology is a multi-disciplinary subject a specific course encompassing all branches of spaee science and technology would be difficult to introduce as a part of the undergraduate curricula.

Line of Affluence

91. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER) be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Go* vernment are considering a proposal of Line of Affluence; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN): (a) and (b) No, Sir. "Line of affluence" has been used as an expression to convey the idea that exoessive accumulation of unproductive wealth is undesirable.

Irrigation projects in Maharashtra pending clearance

92. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) which Irrigation Projects of Maharashtra are pending clearance from Environment & Forest angle; and

(b) what are the reasons for this pending arid when they are likely to be cleared giving the details, project-wise?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRON* MENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NILA* MANI ROUTRAY): (a) and (b) The statug of irrigation projects of Maharashtra awaiting environmental and forestry clearance is given below:

Environmental Clearance

1. Lower Wunna Irrigation project. 2. Waghur Irrigation project.	On the basis of environmental data furnished thpse projects will bs discussed by the Appraisal Committee in its next meeting.

Forest Clearance

1. Minor irrigation Tank, Wadnna. Distt. Aurangabad.	To be discussed by the Advisory Committee in its next meeting.
2. Hitwini Irrigation proj -ct, Distt. Raigarh.	Under process.
3. Kirarasai Minor Irrigation project, Distt, pune.	

Dangers from disposal of atomic Wastes

93. SHRI MENTAY PADMANA-BHAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Atomic Energy Commission is seized of the dangers - emanating from disposal of atomid waste;

(b) if so, what are the safeguards presently in force;

(c) whether any negative report has been given on our methods of safety by the IAEA, Geneva; and

(d) whether any periodic study is being conducted into the radiation hazards being faced by workers in atomic energy plants?

.THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (PROF, M. G. K. MENON): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Department of Atomic Energy has evolved safe practices for the management of nuclear wastes, after taking into account the hazards. Treatment, storage and disposal of nuclear wastes is closely monitored by the Department's Safety Committees which follow guidelines given by the Atomic Energy Regulatory Board.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Yes, Sir. The Health & Safety Group of BARC closely supervises the radiological health and safety aspects of the personnel working in all the nuclear facilities in the country. The exposures are carefully and regularly monitored to ensure adherence to health and safety regulations.

Condition of game sanctuaries

94. SHRI MENTAY PADMANA-BHAM: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS he pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have examined the condition of various game sanctuaries recently;

(b) whether it is a fact that a large scale killings of animals took place in some sanctuaries in Madhya Pradesh; and

(c) whether any new sanctuaries are proposed to be made?

THE MINISTER OF STATE" ESI THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND POREST S (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) A Status Report on the Management of National Parks and Sanctuaries in India was prepared in 1989.

(b) No, Sir.

, (c) The declaration of areas as Sanctuaries, National Parks, etc., under the Wild Life (Protection) Act is ordered by the State Governments keeping in view the suitability of sites and the availability of funds.

Grant in aid to institutions run by religious denominations -

95. SHRI DEBABRATA BISWAS: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of educational institutions being run by managements of various religious denominations (State-wise); and

(b) the grant in-aid given to each of them by Government annually— State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE- IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHUT CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) and (b)| The information is being collected and shall be laid on the Table of the House.